

RAINWATER HARVESTING

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill provides for the collection and use of precipitation without obtaining a water right under certain conditions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides for the collection and use of precipitation without obtaining a water right under certain conditions; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

73-3-1, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **73-3-1** is amended to read:

73-3-1. Appropriation -- Manner of acquiring water rights.

~~[Rights] (1) A person may only acquire a right to the use of the unappropriated public waters in this state [may be acquired only] as provided for in this title. [No appropriation of water may be made and no rights to the use thereof initiated and no notice of intent to appropriate shall be recognized except application for such appropriation first be made to the state engineer in the manner hereinafter provided, and not otherwise. The]~~

(2) The appropriation of public waters in the state shall comply with the requirements of this title.

(3) Except as provided in Subsection (7), a person obtaining, initiating the use of, or

33 providing notice of intent to appropriate a water right shall comply with the requirements of
34 this chapter.

35 (4) An appropriation [must be for some] may be made only for a useful and beneficial
36 purpose[~~, and, as between~~].

37 (5) (a) Between appropriators, the one first in time [shall be] is first in rights[~~;~~
38 provided, that when a].

39 (b) A use designated by an application to appropriate any of the unappropriated waters
40 of the state that would materially interfere with a more beneficial use of [such] the water[~~, the~~
41 application] shall be dealt with as provided in Section 73-3-8. [No]

42 (6) A person may not acquire a right to the use of water either appropriated or
43 unappropriated [can be acquired] by adverse use or adverse possession.

44 (7) Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 73-3-2, a person may:

45 (a) directly capture and store precipitation:

46 (i) on property owned or leased by the person; and

47 (ii) (A) in an underground storage container:

48 (I) with a maximum capacity of 2,500 gallons; and

49 (II) installed in accordance with relevant building codes adopted under Title 58,

50 Chapter 56, Utah Uniform Building Standards Act; or

51 (B) in covered storage containers with a maximum capacity of 55 gallons per
52 container; and

53 (b) place the water captured and stored under Subsection (7)(a) to beneficial use on the
54 property on which the water is captured and stored.